Mobile Dispensary on Wheels

2485. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government was requested by Andhra Pradesh Government *vide* letter No. 36/IMS-2/2005-I dated 31st January, 2005 to sanction a "Mobile Dispensary on Wheels" to attend patients in Srikakulam district to meet the urgent medical needs of cluster of workers working at different remote areas;

(b) whether he has already agreed to it;

(c) if so, the details of action taken in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would introduce such "Mobile Dispensaries" in Medak, Mahbubnagar and Nizamabad districts to meet medical needs of cluster of beedi workers who are working at different areas; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The mobile dispensary has been sanctioned at approximate cost of Rs. 5.00 lacs *vide* Employees State Insurance Corporation's letter dated 14.12.2005.

(e) and (f) The feasibility for sanction of Mobile Dispensaries for Medak, Mehbubnagar and Nizamabad districts will be examined after receipt of proposal by Employees State Insurance Corporation from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and decision will be taken accordingly.

Exploitation of Labourers by builder mafia

2486. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to check the exploitation of labourers by builder *mafia* regarding their wages, basic amenities and living environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken and proposed items to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c). In order to regulate service conditions and to provide welfare amenities etc. to workers engaged in construction activities, the Government have enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. Responsibility for implementation of the Act lies with the Central and State/UT Governments in the establishments failing in the Central and State sphere respectively. Implementation machinery of the respective Governments are advised from time to time to ensure the effective implementation of various provisions including welfare measures as stipulated under the Act.

Demand made by Newspaper workers

2487. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether newspapers workers have presented a ten point charter of their demands;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b). The All India Newspaper Employees Federation (AINPEF) had submitted a copy of the Charter of Demands, dated 31.12.2002 which they served on the employer's organisations *viz.* Indian Newspapers Society and the Indian Languages Newspapers Association. The Charter of Demands, *inter alia,* included revision of wages, adoption of a fitment formula for revision of basic wages, new grouping of employees according to the nature of their jobs, payment of dearness allowance with hundred per cent neutralization, increase in House Rent Allowance, revision of City Compensatory and Night Shift Allowance and payment of pension to Newspaper employees etc.

(c) The recommendations of the last Wage Board namely the Manisana Wage Board, which were accepted by the Central Government in December, 2000 are yet to be fully implemented by the State/Union